

2007 MIAMI BEACH POLICE
ANNUALREPORT



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CITY MANAGER JORGE GONZALEZ**MISSION**

We are committed to providing excellent public service and safety to all who live, work, and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community.

VISION

Cleaner and Safer; More Beautiful and Vibrant; A Mature, Stable Residential Community with Well-Improved Infrastructure; A Unique, Urban and Historic Environment; A Cultural, Entertainment, Tourism Capital; An International Center for Innovation in Culture, Recreation and Business.

VALUES

- We maintain the City of Miami Beach as a world-class city.
- We work as a cooperative team of well-trained professionals.
- We serve the public with dignity and respect.
- We conduct the business of the City with honesty, integrity, and dedication.
- We are ambassadors of good will to our residents, visitors, and the business community.

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2007 GENERAL INFORMATION – BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

SIZE	RESIDENTS	VISITORS
7.1 SQUARE MILES	93,535	7,000,000+ ANNUALLY
OTHER FACTS		
<div> GROSS CITY PRODUCT: \$7,858,645,729 PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT: \$500 Million REAL ESTATE SALES: \$3 Billion+ NUMBER OF BUSINESSES: 4300 WORKFORCE: 56,650 </div> <div> RESIDENTS UNITS/SQ. MILE: 9,000 OFFICE SPACE: 2 Million square feet HOTEL ROOMS: 18,000 FOOD AND BEVERAGE SPENDING: \$800 Million </div>		

SOURCE: G.M.C.V.B.

GREETINGS FROM CHIEF CARLOS NORIEGA

Welcome to the Miami Beach Police Department's (MBPD) Annual Report. We are hopeful that this Annual Report will enable our citizens to be better informed about police initiatives and crime trends, as well as helping citizens become involved in community activities. The MBPD is an internationally accredited law enforcement agency, which is dedicated to pursuing every opportunity and engaging all challenges as part of this organization's on-going quest for excellence.

With the continued growth in the popularity of Miami Beach as a destination of choice for out-of-town and local visitors alike, the Police Department continues to be tasked with balancing the needs of the residential population with the huge increase in the amount of visitors to the city. To achieve this pivotal balance, we are focused on remaining proactive by building bridges and fostering improved partnerships with the city's many homeowners, business, nightlife, and civic organizations. In addition, the MBPD is actively coordinating with other City of Miami Beach departments (Parking Department, Sanitation, Code Compliance, etc.) to improve quality of life issues in our neighborhoods and business areas.

This last year was truly a unique year for the MBPD with the retirement of Chief Donald De Lucca and many senior command staff members. These retirements presented the opportunity to promote many exceptionally qualified individuals to positions of great responsibility. I am proud to be part of this new wave of leadership and deeply honored to have been chosen to lead the Miami Beach Police Department as the Acting Chief of Police for several months before being promoted to Chief of Police in September of 2007. This administration believes solidly in a participatory style of leadership which empowers individuals to reach their full potential and achieve a healthy level of transparency within every level of this administration.



Foremost among the challenges facing us today is the alarming rise in violence against law enforcement officers. Unfortunately, 2007 was a devastating year for the South Florida law enforcement family with the deaths of Miami Detective James Walker, Miami-Dade Officer Jose Somahano, and Broward Sheriff's Office Deputies Paul Rein and Chris Reyka. These horrendous shootings led us to create an Officer Safety Committee specifically designed to include members from various parts of the Department who possess a certain level of expertise with officer safety related subject matter. This committee is reviewing critical incidents, evaluating equipment, assessing training practices and making recommendations.

Other significant challenges this year included the Property Tax Reform Legislation and its resulting budget reductions. As the reductions were realized throughout the Department, we made every effort to do more with less. Technological challenges also remain a top priority. The City of Miami Beach has selected a vendor to replace the MBPD's Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management System, and a new Field Based Reporting System. This is an ongoing process over several years that will begin to be implemented in 2008. The City of Miami Beach also continues the negotiation process with Motorola to resolve major deficiencies in the City's radio system which has been functioning in the analog mode since a catastrophic radio failure earlier this year.

Most of all, the MBPD remains dedicated to fighting crime, to the principles of community policing, and to being law enforcement professionals who deliver policing excellence through proactive services and interactions. Thus, our department is able to provide a safe environment to all who live, work, and play in our vibrant, tropical, historical community. On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Miami Beach Police Department, we thank you for taking the time to review the Miami Beach Police Department's Annual Report.

Sincerely,

CARLOS NORIEGA
Chief of Police



MB POLICE MISSION STATEMENT

Miami Beach law enforcement professionals deliver policing excellence through proactive services and interactions, providing a safe environment to all who live, work, and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community.

VISION STATEMENT

Miami Beach Police professionals will pursue every opportunity and engage all challenges to maintain organizational excellence.

CORE VALUES

Honor, Courage, and Integrity.

2007 COMMAND STAFF



Carlos Noriega
Chief of Police



Raymond Martinez
Assistant Chief



William Riley
Major
Patrol Division



Angel Vazquez
Major
Technical Services Division



John Bambis
Major
Criminal Investigations
Division



Brian Sliman
Major
Support Services Division



Hernan Cardeno
Division Commander
Technical Services Division



Robert Dorigo
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Criminal Investigations
Division



Richard Weissman
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Strategic Investigations
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Jenny Elmore
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Support Services Division



Robert Elmore
Captain
Patrol Division



Paul Acosta
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Jim Hyde
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Robert Hundevadt
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Larry Bornstein
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PSCU



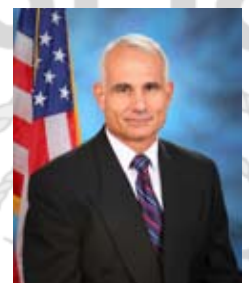
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Property & Evidence
Unit



Louis Fata
Captain
Internal Affairs Unit

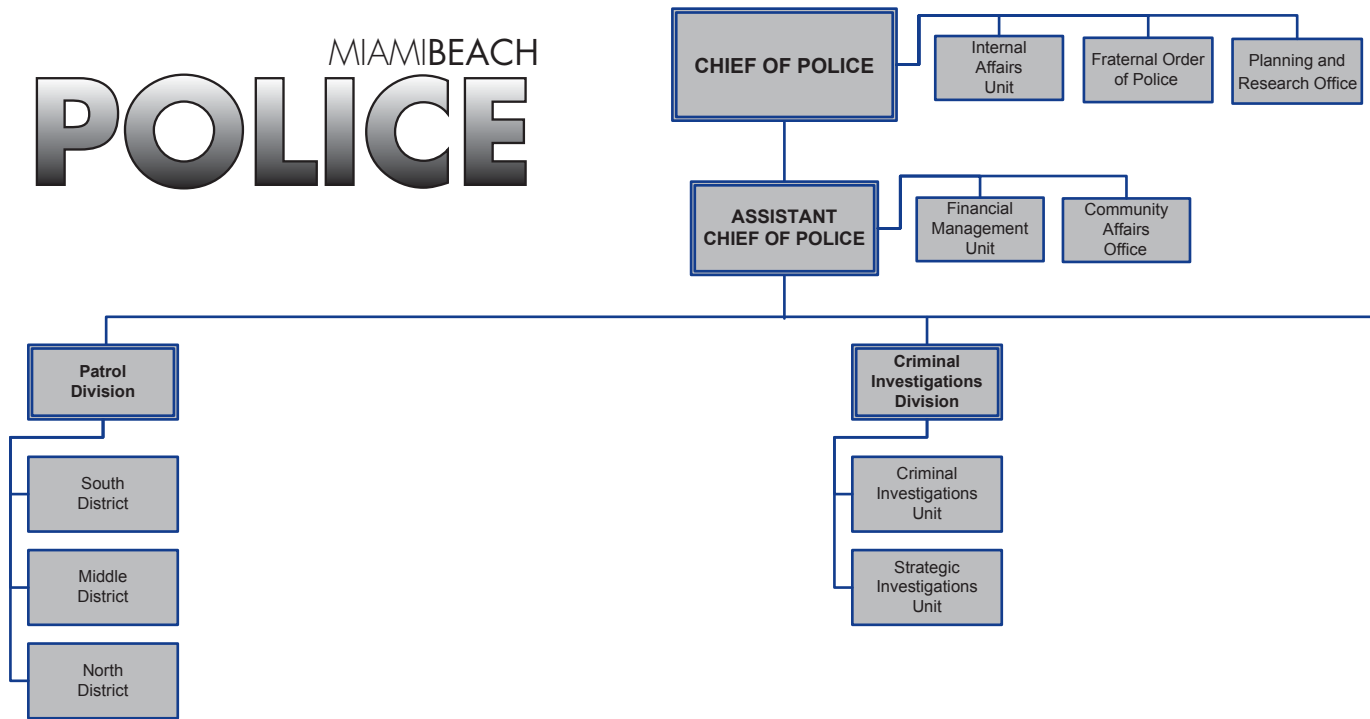


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Commander
Technical Services

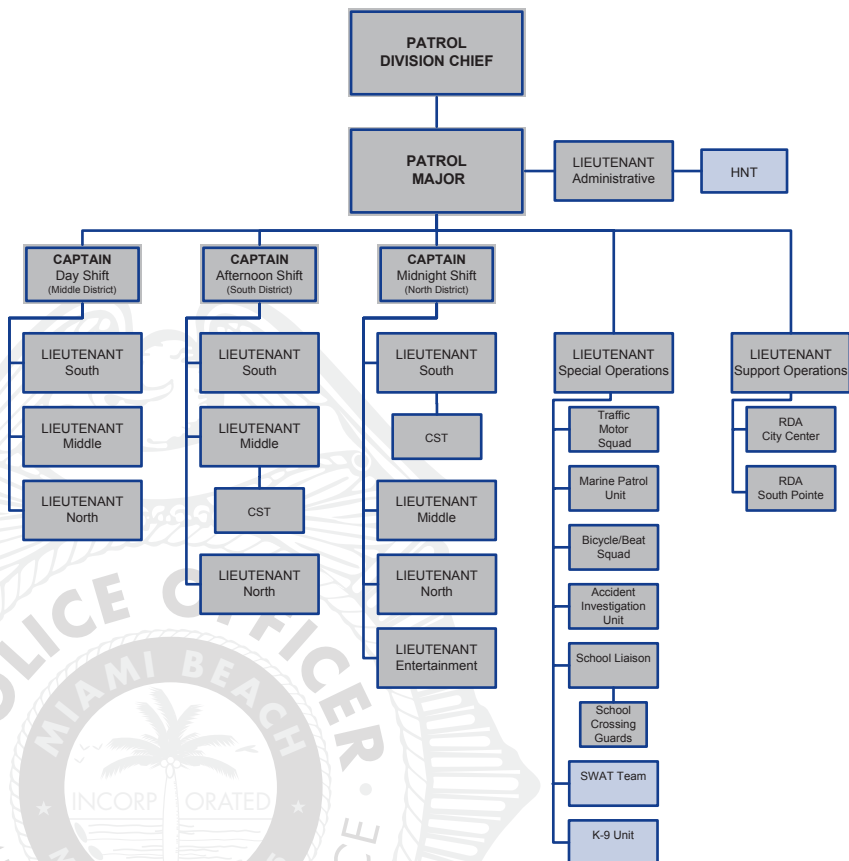


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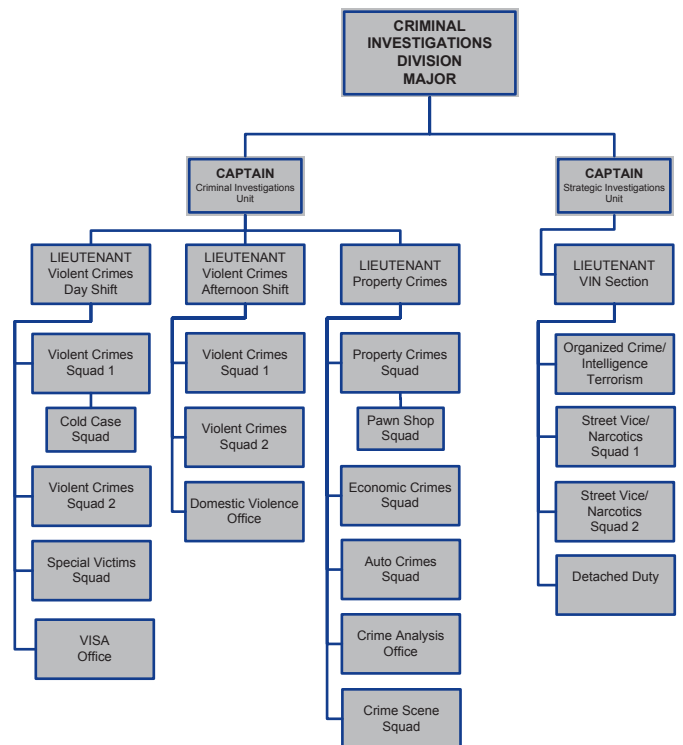
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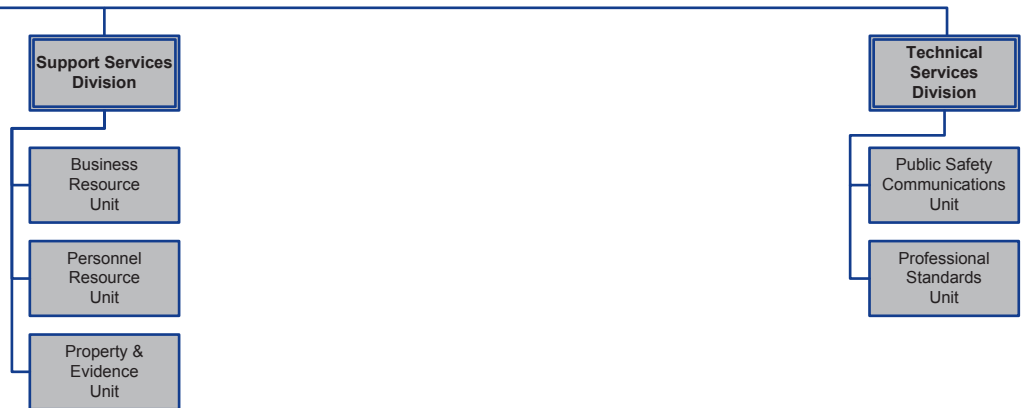


PATROL DIVISION

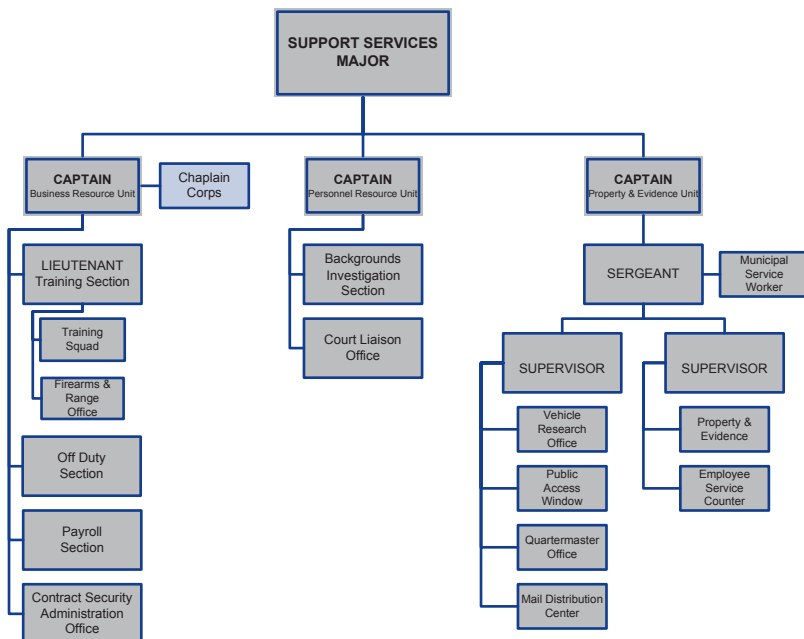


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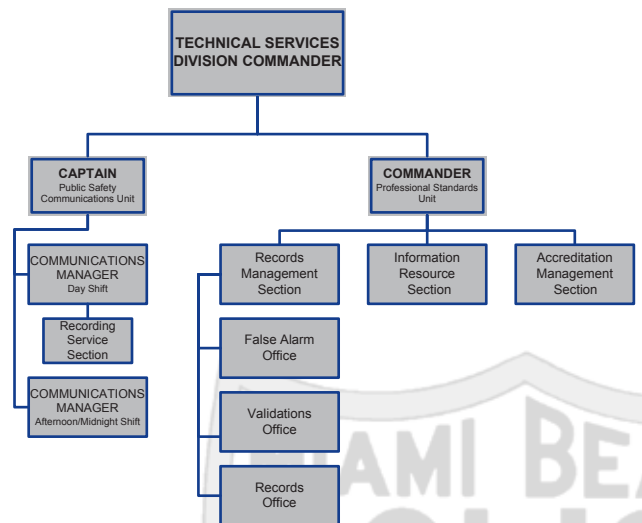




SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION



MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The **Office of the Chief of Police** is responsible for the fulfillment of the mission of the Police Department through leadership, direction, and the establishment of policies, procedures, rules and regulations. The following units are under the auspices of the Chief's Office:

The **Community Affairs Office** includes the Public Information Office and the Neighborhood Resource Officers. Public Information Officers coordinate the flow of information between the Police Department and the media. They issue press releases, handle information requests, and provide interviews to representatives of the media. They also respond to the scenes of newsworthy incidents and coordinate the activities between the media and Departmental personnel.

Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO) act as liaisons between the Police Department, residents, and business owners in Miami Beach. Their primary responsibility is to address issues and concerns that are ongoing or simply demand more attention, investigative work or time than can't be reasonably allotted during the course of a routine patrol call. Part of their duties involve attending local homeowner's meetings and educating residents in methods of crime prevention.

The NRO conducts individual residential or commercial crime prevention surveys which are geared to "target harden" homes or businesses and make them less attractive to criminals who might otherwise view them as an easy target for crime. These officers visit local schools to address drug prevention awareness issues. They distribute DNA kits which allow parents to help law enforcement identify children in cases of abduction; and work in concert with other City departments to resolve troublesome issues such as illegal dumping, prostitution, graffiti, and other quality-of-life issues.

The **Financial Management Unit** develops, implements and administers the Department's annual budget and is responsible for all accounting, budgeting and procurement activities.

The **Police Athletic League** (PAL) is an organization chartered under the National Police Athletic League, whose primary purpose is to create interaction between the Police Department and the youth population of the City. The PAL seeks to accomplish this by providing several youth athletic programs such as youth football, soccer, baseball, martial arts and wrestling.

The PAL is governed by a board of directors made up of police officers and community members and has been providing an outstanding contribution to the community for many years. PAL funding is provided by the MBPD, community members, organizations, and businesses and through fund raising activities.

The **Internal Affairs Unit** investigates serious allegations of misconduct and maintains records of all discipline throughout the department. Internal Affairs also investigates all police involved shootings, reviews Control of Persons Reports and maintains an early warning system to track all complaints against employees. They are also called upon to assist in investigations involving employees of other City departments.

The **Planning and Research Office** is responsible for annual reports, strategic plans, staff inspections and statistical information for effective agency management.

BELOW: FOP contract signing. **RIGHT:** PIO Presentation to the Media.
BELOW RIGHT: NROS assisting with beach clean-up.





ABOVE: A patrol motorcycle. **RIGHT:** An ATV Unit Officer. **MIDDLE RIGHT:** Bicycle Unit Officers. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Officers from Marine Patrol.

The **Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)** - president coordinates union business and negotiations.

The Department is managed through two bureaus, Operations and Administrative. The **Operations Bureau** is composed of two divisions, the **Criminal Investigations Division** and **Patrol Division**. The **Administrative Bureau** is also comprised of two divisions, the **Support Services Division** and **Technical Services Division**.

The **Patrol Division** is the largest and most visible component of the Police Department. This Division consists of three Districts that provide the City with uniform police service on a 24/7 basis.

The district plan is an essential element of the community policing philosophy and is based on the premise that the community and the police must work together to identify, prioritize, and solve problems such as crime, fear of crime, civil disorder, and overall quality of life issues.

The Patrol Division also provides enhanced patrol service through District, Field Support Assignments (All Terrain Vehicles, K-9, Bicycle, Marine Patrol, Motorcycles, Crime Suppression Teams, Accident Investigation Unit, and Re-Development Area officers), and the Crime Prevention/Crime Watch offices. In addition, the Patrol Division also provides specialized services such as the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, the Crisis Response Team, Rapid Response Bicycle Officers, and Hostage Negotiators.

Officers assigned to **All Terrain Vehicles (ATV)** are responsible for patrolling the beach and dune areas of our community. ATV officers use these distinctive and rugged vehicles for high visibility and rapid enforcement action on our beaches. These officers work closely with the City's Beach Patrol (lifeguards) to assist beach goer's while providing a police presence on the beach.

The **Bicycle Unit** is one of the Police Department's principle response tools for providing community policing services. Bicycle Officers interact easily with residents and tourists and are more approachable than police officers in patrol cars. Their high visibility and easy accessibility promote greater community involvement and communications between police officers and members of the community.



The **Marine Patrol Unit** extends the Police Department's presence to the Atlantic Ocean and waterways of Miami Beach. This Unit is involved in a wide array of public safety services ranging from boating safety to felony arrests. Through the direct efforts of Marine Patrol personnel, Miami Beach has become one of a few communities with a functioning Citizen Marine Crime Watch Program.

The **K-9 Squad** is comprised of 8 handlers with cross trained patrol dogs. Four are trained to detect narcotics and four are trained to detect explosives. All handlers patrol a zone in addition to handling K-9 responsibilities.

The dog is the K-9 officer's best tool - let alone best friend. Their primary function is risking their life to save the life of a police officer when faced with danger. The officer and their K-9 partner go through extensive training. All of our K-9 teams attend a 420 hour in-service training course which requires a great deal of dedication.



The K-9 Unit provides demonstrations which increase public awareness of the services performed by their specialized teams.

The Department utilizes K-9 teams for building searches, area searches, narcotic searches, explosives searches, article searches, vehicle searches and to assist Patrol officers on routine service calls. The K-9 remains a constant reminder of how important officer safety is.

The **Motorcycle Squad** operates closely with the Accident Investigation Office. While its primary function is traffic enforcement, the Motorcycle Unit officers also investigate traffic crashes and respond to calls for service. In addition to its traffic safety and enforcement functions, members of this Unit also provide escorts for a number of special events throughout the South Florida area.

The Motorcycle Squad also manages the **Special Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)**. STEP targets high traffic crash intersections and has reduced traffic crashes through high visibility and targeted enforcement efforts. In addition, the Patrol Division also participates in DUI enforcement initiatives including monthly DUI saturation patrols and checkpoints.

The **Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team** responds to high-risk situations to include barricaded subjects, area searches, high risk warrants, protective and security details. The team is comprised of one captain, one lieutenant, four sergeants, 20 officer operators, five medics, and five officer technicians.

The Patrol Division utilizes the **Special Event Voluntary Response Team (SEVRT)** to supplement staffing for Special Events and Holiday Staffing. Members of the SEVRT team are required to work two shifts during holiday or special event weekends. These shifts are primarily on the night shift and may include Columbus Day, Halloween, New Years



2007 PATROL DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

- The Beach Crimes Task Force operated from July 31 through September 10 and targeted offenses which occurred on the beaches and boardwalks throughout the City. The task force utilized uniform patrol officers in directed patrols combined with undercover Crime Suppression Team officers resulting in a noticeable decrease in beach offenses.
- In response to a rash of residential burglaries which targeted home appliances in the summer months, the Patrol Division initiated a burglary detail in an undercover capacity. In conjunction with the Criminal Investigations division, this operation netted a ring of organized burglars.
- The Patrol Division operated a second platoon Crime Suppression team for a five week period from November through December 31. This initiative was effective in addressing a number of crime problems and generated impressive enforcement activity for that sixty day trial period.
- A passive alert drug dog was donated and will be utilized with the third platoon Crime Suppression Team in a higher profile stance in the fight against narcotics.
- The Patrol Division in coordination with a multitude of other police agencies within Miami-Dade county participated in a number of DUI saturation and DUI check points in our ongoing efforts to suppress drinking and driving.



TOP: Sergeant Henry Doce & K9 Marco. **MIDDLE:** Patrol Division Motorcycle Officers. **ABOVE:** SWAT Officers simulating a felony stop.



LEFT: Detectives on the scene of a crime. **MIDDLE:** CIU Detectives at a bank robbery scene.

Eve, Presidents Day, Spring Break, Fourth of July, and Labor Day.

During 2007, the Patrol Division increased police visibility in residential neighborhoods in the Middle and North Districts by adding six Public Safety Specialists (PSSs).

The PSSs patrol mainly on bicycles and in marked vehicles. In addition to their patrol function, the PSSs handle report calls and traffic crashes within their assigned areas.

The PSSs also are required to make citizen contacts each day and record issues or concerns the residents may voice. These issues are forwarded to the respective District Commanders for appropriate action. The Department's objective is to have PSSs interact with individual residents on a daily basis.

Increased security is provided to local public elementary, middle, and high schools through the Patrol Division's School Liaison Officers (SLOs). The SLOs have been recruited from the ranks of the MBPD's recently retired Officers who bring with them a wealth of law enforcement experience.

The **Criminal Investigations Division (CID)** is comprised of two units; the **Criminal Investigations Unit** and the **Strategic Investigations Unit**:

Criminal Investigations Unit is comprised of three sections:

1. Violent Crimes Section: This group of investigators is responsible for violent crime investigations including homicide, sexual battery, arson, kidnapping, aggravated battery, child abuse and neglect. This Section also supervises the Visual Identification Systems Analysis and Crime Analysis Unit.

2. Property Crimes Section/Crime Scene Squad is responsible for the investigation of burglary, economic crime, cyber crime, theft, auto crime, and tracking area pawn-shop transactions. The Crime Scene Squad is responsible for the processing of crime scenes and collection of evidence.

The Criminal Investigations Unit cleared 499 cases by arrests in 2007. This represents a 21% increase in the number of cases cleared by arrest. The Criminal Investigations Unit also hosted numerous outreach sessions and meetings for the community including Spring Break Sexual Battery Prevention meeting and nightly outreach missions, Hotel Theft and Fraud seminar, and Net-Smartz – Internet Safety for students and

parents. These gatherings were meant to educate and limit the potential to be victims of crime.

3. Strategic Investigations Unit (SIU) is responsible for the review and investigation of all narcotics, money laundering, prostitution, vice, and organized crime activity. SIU conducts sensitive investigations at the direction of the Chief of Police, Assistant Chief, or the Criminal Investigations Division Commander. Additionally, the SIU conducts intelligence gathering activities and works closely with other agencies regarding cases of mutual interest involving night clubs and bar incidents.

SIU also actively networks, monitors and participates in local, state and federal terrorism task forces. SIU performs pre-licensing screening of nightclub establishments in conjunction with the City's Licensing Department. SIU investigates violations of the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance by local commercial establishments; and coordinates confiscations of properties and cash assets derived from the illegal sale of narcotics.

During 2007, SIU was successful in making 391 narcotics arrests, 531 arrests for prostitution, underage drinking, and vice related crimes. SIU detectives handled 256 investigative cases, confiscated a large amount of illegal narcotics including 2,784 grams of cocaine powder, 233 grams of crack cocaine, 69 grams of crystal methamphetamine, and various other narcotics. Detectives also seized \$940,519 in currency and eight firearms.

The Administrative Bureau is composed of the Support Services Division and the Technical Services Division.

The **Support Services Division** is comprised of the following entities:

Personnel Management Unit manages the human resource function and is comprised of the **Background Investigations Section** and **Court Liaison Office**.

Background Investigations Section is responsible for conducting background investigations on Police Department applicants as well as selecting applicants for other City Departments, post-hiring tests, performance appraisals, hiring of all sworn and non-sworn employees and all aspects of the department's promotional processes.

During 2007, the Backgrounds Section processed and assisted with the hiring of 9 certified and 18 non-certified applicants. The Backgrounds

THIS PAGE LEFT: Busy Ocean Drive at night. **RIGHT:** Property and Evidence Unit reception. **OPPOSITE:** Operators take calls in the Public Safety Communications Unit.



Section held a Police Officer Recruitment drive from September 17, 2007 through October 2007. By the conclusion of 2007, 28 civilians and 27 police officers were hired.

Court Liaison Office coordinates attendance of Police Department personnel at all judicial proceedings arising from the law enforcement efforts of the Department. This Office represents the Police Department to the State Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Judges, Clerk's Office, private attorneys and any other organization involved in the criminal justice system, as related to Court appearances and employee conduct. The Court Liaison Office is responsible for tracking all subpoenas using an automated system.

The Court Liaison Office provides notification of all assignments and schedule changes to the Miami-Dade County Standby System, enabling appearances to be coordinated with each officer's on-duty schedule. For appearances that are off-duty, this Office approves the overtime and ensures that departmental guidelines are being adhered to. The Court Liaison Office provides reports pertaining to employee court attendance.

Business Resource Unit manages the **Off-Duty Office, Training Section/Firearms Office, Payroll Section** and the newly created **Security Guard Contract Coordinator Office**.

Training Section is responsible for all departmental training including the firearms qualification of all sworn personnel and maintenance of the range and related specialized equipment. All departmental training is coordinated through this section. Training includes in-service instruction, Police Department hosted schools, and conducted training by other agencies and the police academy.

During 2007, the Training Section coordinated 483 in-house classes, 543 handgun qualifications, 126 rifle qualifications, and 78 shotgun qualifications.

Payroll Section is responsible for monitoring; processing and auditing all data related to the monetary and leave earnings of each employee assigned to the Police Department. This Section also serves as a liaison between the personnel of the Police Department and other City departments relative to these matters (i.e. Human Resources, Finance, Insurance and Risk Management).

During 2007, the Police Department implemented Telestaff, an automated staffing, scheduling, and payroll system. This change tasked the Payroll



Section with resolving a wide variety of discrepancies and resulting administrative issues.

Off Duty Section coordinates, directs, plans, audits and supervises all off duty police services. This Section is responsible for receiving, evaluating and screening all off duty jobs. The Off Duty Section also assures compliance with all procedures regarding off duty employment. The Off Duty Section is a member of NITE (Nightlife Industry Task Force) and has a close working relationship with the City's Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office.

During 2007, the Off Duty Section tracked and recorded 147 Special Event jobs, filled 631 temporary off-duty jobs, 134 film jobs, and billed 99,365 off-duty hours. This Section also continues to coordinate with the Finance Department the implementation of off duty compensation through the payroll system.

City's Security Guard Contract Coordinator Office is responsible for managing and overseeing the City's external vendor security guard contract. Duties include liaison with the vendor, auditing invoices, approving payments and monitoring the performance of the vendor's personnel assigned to City facilities.

The Property and Evidence Unit (PEU) manages four (4) general areas of responsibility: reception, processing, storage and final disposition of all police evidence. The PEU is also responsible for securing bio-hazardous materials pending analysis or destruction, and the safekeeping of select items of property. PEU is also responsible for disposition status of all police evidence.

During 2007, 19,359 items were impounded, 17,472 items were released, \$407,580 was received, and \$256,602 was released.

Management of the Police Department's Fleet includes: pool vehicles, take home vehicles, motorcycles, All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's), trucks, bicycles, electric cars and trailers. The PEU Commander functions as the liaison between the Police Department and the City's Fleet Management Department.

Management, security, and maintenance of the Police Headquarters building; security of the headquarters building, furniture, equipment and various systems such as alarms, intercom, air conditioning, and water. A major responsibility is the upkeep of the building which is open and functioning twenty-four hours daily, throughout the year. PEU



is responsible for hurricane preparation for the station and storage of hurricane supplies. PEU is held accountable for the inventory of all Police property and is a liaison to the City of Miami Beach Property Management Department.

Management of the Department's quartermaster function. This includes maintaining inventory and issuing uniforms and uniform accessories, including shoes, boots, leather, riot helmets, and weapons.

Technical Services Division is comprised of the following Units and Sections: **Public Safety Communications Unit (PSCU)**, **Professional Standards Unit (PSU)**, **Information Resources Section (IRS)**, **Records Management Section (RMS)**, and the **Accreditation Management Section (AMS)**.

Public Safety Communications Unit (PSCU) provides uninterrupted, around the clock public safety services to the citizens and visitors of Miami Beach to include: receiving, classifying and dispatching requests for police, fire and rescue services. The PSCU ensures command and control of radio and telephone communications capabilities for the Miami Beach Police Department and the City of Miami Beach government to include disaster emergency operations. Because of the 24-hour capability, PSCU responds to requests for administrative information and support after normal business hours of City government.

PSCU also interfaces with national and state level computerized crime information systems (FCIC/NCIC) to ensure immediate access to system information for law enforcement personnel.

Upon request, PSCU provides to the public, media and other law enforcement agencies audio tape recordings of all MBPD radio transmissions and telephone calls into the system. Further, PSCU maintains ongoing electronic monitoring of the environmental status and security of City properties.

Professional Standards Unit is composed of the **IRS**, **RMS**, **AMS** and is responsible for the management of the Department's Accreditation process and compliance with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) requirements and development of departmental policies, procedures.

Information Resources Section (IRS) is responsible for researching, procuring, developing and managing computerized systems, equipment

and applications. The IRS works closely with the City's Information Technology (IT) Department.

Records Management Section is responsible for retention, maintenance, dissemination, and disposition of police records produced by the Department. This includes verification of case numbers, coding, dissemination of criminal and non-criminal reports, data entry of reports, background checks, and FCIC monthly validations.

In addition, the Records Management Section collects fees for copies of reports, fingerprinting, identification cards, and research charges. They also manage capital felony records, court orders for expunging and sealing of records, and processing of all uniform traffic citations. The Department's statistical crime data is maintained and reported bi-monthly, monthly, semi-annually, and annually.

During 2007, IRS continued to liaison with the Information Technology Department on the management of the Department's 170 mobile laptops and deployed upgraded aircards for laptops. This Unit facilitated grant administration of the E-Citation project and is continuing with the T-1 Line connection for the Marine Patrol building. IRS also provided technical support for Crime Solutions presentations and participated in the Request For Proposals committee process for a new vendor for the Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System/Field Based Reporting/Mobile Computing Solution project.



SPECIAL EVENTS



SUPERBOWL XLI FESTIVITIES IN MIAMI BEACH

Superbowl XLI was held at Dolphin Stadium in Miami Gardens on Sunday, February 4, 2007. The event attracted thousands of visitors to our community for the all the Superbowl related events hosted by the City of Miami Beach and nightclubs on South Beach. In addition to the numerous celebrity parties, there were also a host of major network news and sports shows (i.e. ESPN, NFL Network, CBS News/Early Show, and the Best Damn Sports Show) that broadcast their TV segments from Miami Beach. There was also Volleypalooza, the Motorola Football Field, and Ocean Drive Magazine's VIP Party in Lummus Park.

As a result of the anticipated increase in visitors to Miami Beach and significant traffic congestion, the Department mobilized on 12 hour shifts from February 1 to February 5, 2007, to provide sufficient police response to all contingencies.

SLED HOCKEY TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

On Saturday, March 3, 2007, the City of Miami Beach hosted a Sled Hockey Tournament at the Scott Rakow Center in an effort to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Twelve five-person teams from the City of Miami Beach Departments participated. Each team played at least two games. The Code Compliance Division Sled Dogs came in first place with two Miami Beach Police Department teams finishing second and third. Riley's Rats came in second and Baldwin's A.P.E.s came in third. The \$20 entry fee, donations, food and shirt sales, and the raffles resulted in more than \$3,200. Special thanks to the Fraternal Order of Police for their sponsorship of the event.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

The children of our fellow employees enjoyed the annual "Take Your Child to Work Day" held on April 26, 2007. This was a fun filled and educational day at the Miami Beach Police Department. In addition to observing their parents at work, there was a station tour, a Bomb Squad, K9, and SWAT demonstrations, and a presentation of Certificates of Participation by Chief



Noriega and Assistant Chief Raymond Martinez. Each of these events required the volunteer efforts of dedicated members of the Miami Beach Police Department to make them a success.

SPRING BREAK IN SOUTH BEACH

Miami Beach is well known as a destination for spring break by college students from every corner of the United States and abroad. In addition to the beautiful beaches and perfect weather, South Beach is famous for its world class night life. The peak spring break period spans the entire month of March and the beginning of April. During the middle of the spring break period, the Winter Music Festival also contributed to the appeal of South Beach. To prepare for this influx of visitors, the Police Department enhanced their staffing throughout the week and utilized the Special Event Voluntary Response Team (SEVRT) to supplement staffing during the weekend.

POLICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY

During their annual Police Memorial Ceremony on May 3, 2007, the Miami Beach Police Department recognized and honored fallen police officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the protection of others.

The Police Memorial Ceremony for all of Miami-Dade County was also held on Thursday, May 3, at Tropical Park.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

In keeping with the City's successful planning efforts for the past five Memorial Day weekends, the City developed a comprehensive and coordinated plan for the holiday weekend period (Thursday, May 24, 2007 – Monday, May 28, 2007). As part of the City of Miami Beach's Major Events Plan (MEP), the City relied on in-kind services assistance from Miami-Dade County which provided enhanced public safety resources, beach maintenance, and the participation of the members of the County's Goodwill Ambassador Team. These in-kind services assisted the City of Miami Beach throughout the Memorial Day Holiday weekend.

LEFT PAGE: Diddy performs at the Superbowl Launch event and kids play Sled Hockey. **THIS PAGE:** Kids participating in Take Your Kids to Work Day events, including weapons demonstrations, a SWAT reenactment and a K-9 unit demonstration. **BOTTOM:** Sled Hockey, Take Your Kids to Work Day, Superbowl launch event and Police Memorial.



The Police Department cancels off-duty assignments and deploys public safety staff on an 12-on/12-off shift assignment. In addition, mutual aid from Miami-Dade, Miami, Coral Gables and Ft. Lauderdale Police departments, Miami-Dade Corrections Department, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and Florida Highway Patrol were utilized throughout the weekend.

CAR WASH TO BENEFIT THE FAMILY OF MIAMI-DADE OFFICER JOSE SOMOHANO

Police Officer Jose Somohano was shot and killed during a traffic stop on September 14, 2007. Officer Somohano and his partner observed a vehicle being driven erratically. When they attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver fled on foot into a house. Officer Somohano and his partner called for backup and two officers who were involved in a nearby surveillance operation responded. When the two back-up officers arrived, the suspect opened fire on all four officers through a window in the house. Officer Somohano was shot and killed and the other three officers were wounded.

The suspect was located later that day in an apartment complex by members of the Broward County Sheriff's Department. He was shot and killed by the Miami-Dade SWAT team after opening fire on them when they attempted to take him into custody.

Officer Somohano had served with the Miami-Dade Police Department for four years, and had previously served with the Miami-Dade Public Schools Police Department. He is survived by his wife and two children.





On Saturday, October 6, 2007, the Miami Beach and Miami-Dade police department with several local municipal police agencies participated in benefit car washes throughout Miami-Dade County. The Car Wash was held at Miami Beach Fire Station #3, and raised over \$8,300. Proceeds were given to Officer Jose Somohono's family and Officer Jody Wright.

SLEEPLESS NIGHT IN MIAMI BEACH

On November 3, 2007, the City of Miami Beach hosted its first ever "Sleepless Night." This thirteen hour extravaganza was designed to take advantage of the "25th hour" by providing residents and visitors with a combination of free art, free cinema, free music, comedy and street performances all packed into 13 hours on Miami Beach.

The event was spread out among four zones through Miami Beach, with inflated and illuminated sculptures at Collins Park to cinema on the sand at Lummus Park. The art exploration began at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and continued until 6:00 a.m. Sunday providing visitors with a 13-hour Sleepless Night experience.

To prepare for Sleepless Night and the holiday season, a "Crime Blitz" plan of enhanced enforcement was initiated. The crime blitz involved a comprehensive approach to target crime in all districts.

MIAMI BEACH POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL) THANKSGIVING BASKET GIVEAWAY

On Tuesday, November 20, the Miami Beach PAL and the Miami Beach Police Department hosted their annual Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway, donating 450 baskets of food to low income Miami Beach families. The baskets were filled with a turkey, canned goods, fruit, and everything else that a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner merits.

MIAMI BEACH POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL) ANNUAL TOY GIVEAWAY

The annual Miami Beach Police Department's Christmas Toy Giveaway was held on Saturday, December 22, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Registration of families began on Monday, November 12 and ended on Friday, December 14. This yearly event gives toys to hundreds of underprivileged children in our community and helps spread the holiday spirit throughout our City.



NEW POLICE BRANDING AND VEHICLES

The color scheme changed on our Department's marked patrol vehicles from the red, white, and blue to a more traditional, but trendy, black and white design.

This color change is intended to provide higher visibility by enhancing recognition of the Police Department's marked vehicle fleet through more identifiable means. The black and white vehicles are in line with local and national trends towards more easily recognizable law enforcement vehicles. This new color scheme has already been adopted by several local law enforcement agencies. These changes are expected to be a deterrent to crime as well as a tool for community policing through a high visibility strategy.

MIAMI BEACH

POLICE



OFFICER AND CIVILIAN AWARDS



JANUARY 2007

Officer of the Month
Officer Donald Anderson

Officer Anderson confronted a man acting in a suspicious manner in the 600 block of Michigan Avenue. As a result, he began to investigate further and found the subject had a sawed off shotgun and was then arrested. Further investigation revealed this subject also had in his possession a ski mask, knife, and a lead weight. It became apparent that this subject was involved in criminal activity. Had Officer Anderson not stopped to investigate this subject's activity, it is likely the subject would have committed a violent crime.



FEBRUARY 2007

Officer of the Month
Officer Ricardo Anton

Officer Anton arrested a subject who had just attempted to rob the Bank America at 340 41 Street and was responsible for robbing several other area banks.



FEBRUARY 2007

Civilian of the Month
Dispatcher Kelly Lincoln

Dispatcher Kelly Lincoln was commended for her professional handling of an emergency call involving an off-duty Miami Beach police officer who accidentally shot himself. Upon learning of the incident, Dispatcher Lincoln quickly coordinated with Miami-Dade Police and Fire departments for immediate medical response to the officer who was in his residence. Due to her diligence and calm demeanor Dispatcher Lincoln effectively facilitated the medical care and full recovery of the officer.



MARCH 2007

Officer of the Month
Officer Antonio Ferbeyre

Officer Ferbeyre was responsible for the safe recovery of a four month old baby that was abducted from her grandmother's care by the child's non-custodial father. The father unlawfully broke into the grandmother's house and threatened to do bodily harm to her if she did not give up the baby. He then abducted the child and ran on foot away from the residence. Officer Ferbeyre responded to the area, was able to set up a perimeter, and subsequently found the father and recovered the child unharmed. The father was arrested and charged with burglary, kidnapping, interference with custody and assault of a person over 65 years old.



MARCH 2007

Civilian of the Month
Public Safety Specialist Miguel Romain

PSS Romain was nominated as Civilian of the Month for March, 2007, for his assistance in the apprehension of two subjects arrested for vandalizing City property as well as an incident where he professionally handled a homeless person camping in the area of 8100 Hawthorne Avenue.

APRIL 2007

Officer of the Month



Sergeant Joseph Duque, Detective Marty Garcia, Detective Jorge Mercado, Detective Mishart Torres, Detective Hector Fernandez and Officer Mario Pena

These officers arrested an organized ring of males and females involved in armed robberies in both Miami-Dade and Broward counties. The subjects used various ruses to distract their victims as well as firearms. This investigation led to the recovery of a firearm and the demise of a prolific robbery ring.



APRIL 2007

Civilian of the Month
Public Safety Specialist Yarden Rosenthal

On April 27, PSS Yarden Rosenthal was working temporarily in PSCU as a call taker. In this role, PSS Rosenthal received a telephone call from a male caller advising that his brother in law had robbed a bank at 555 41 Street earlier that day. In talking to this caller Rosenthal developed enough information to broadcast a BOLO for the subject who may have been in the South Beach area. Because of Rosenthal's tenacity, self initiative, and attention to detail, the arrest of the subject by Detective Chin was facilitated.



MAY 2007

Officer of the Month

Sergeant Enrique Doce

On May 28, while responding to a shooting in the area of Lincoln Lane North and Meridian Avenue, Sergeant Doce apprehended the subject who had shot and killed two people. Despite large Memorial Weekend crowds Sergeant Doce observed a person jogging at Washington Avenue near Dade Boulevard. Although specific BOLO information regarding the shooting subject was not as yet broadcasted Sergeant Doce took the initiative and confronted the subject in the midst of large groups of people. Further investigation revealed that the subject stopped by Sergeant Doce had just shot and killed two people in the parking lot of David's Café. As a result of Sergeant Doce's self initiative, tenaciousness, excellent powers of observation and sixth sense, the subject was apprehended and arrested for two counts of murder.



MAY 2007

Civilian of the Month

Crime Analyst Clifford Sparks

Crime Analyst Clifford Sparks received the Civilian of the Month Award for his excellent assistance to police officers and detectives investigating a suspicious incident involving subjects breaking into a vehicle. While the officers were conducting the preliminary investigation, Crime Analyst Sparks took the initiative to provide specific information from several data bases which further linked the subjects to two motor vehicle burglaries. As a result of Clifford Sparks technical assistance, the concerned officers and detectives developed enough probable cause to arrest the two subjects for burglary.



JUNE 2007

Officer of the Month

Officer Newell Wilder

As a result of a routine traffic stop by Officer Wilder at 17 Street and Alton road he was able to link the driver to three burglaries. Initially Officer Wilder determined that the driver who presented a California driver's license was using several false names and had recently had a suspended Florida driver's license. As a result of the suspension, the driver was arrested and the vehicle was searched which revealed two stolen credit cards. Due to his tenaciousness, Officer Wilder continued his inquiry as to the true identity of the driver and verified that the California driver's license was stolen and that the driver was wanted for a burglary in Miami Beach. Because of Officer Wilder's investigative prowess and persistence the subject was subsequently charged with several burglaries and identity theft.



JULY 2007

Officer of the Month

Detective Roberto Acosta

On July 19, 2007 at approximately 9:50 p.m., Detectives Acosta, Henson, Silot, and Oliva were conducting a drug investigation at 900 West Avenue #625. Detective Acosta knocked on the door and was met by one of the occupants who led them inside the apartment. Upon entry into the apartment, a subject sitting on a couch quickly jumped to his feet and

started to run toward the kitchen area. Detective Acosta followed the subject, noticing that the subject was concealing an unknown object in his waistband. Detective Acosta ordered the subject to show his hands but the subject kept his hands near the unknown object still concealed in his waistband. The subject, without provocation, pulled out a firearm and leveled it at the detectives. Detective Acosta then yelled, "Gun! Gun!" at which time Detective Acosta produced his firearm and fired at the subject. The subject dropped his firearm and was apprehended by Detectives Silot and Henson without further incident. Due to his bravery and ability to demonstrate professional judgment, Detective Acosta's actions prevented the subject from inflicting possible life threatening injuries to one or more detectives on the scene.



AUGUST 2007

Officer of the Month

Sergeant Jerome Berrian

On August 20, Sergeant Berrian discovered a man and woman engaged in sexual intercourse on the beach in the area of second street. As Sergeant Berrian approached the couple he noticed that the female appeared to be physically helpless and quickly determined this may be a sexual battery. When the male observed Sergeant Berrian approach them he fled on foot. Sergeant Berrian immediately issued a BOLO of the subject at which time the officers responded and apprehended the subject. As a result of Sergeant Berrian's powers of observation and quick response the subject was arrested for sexual battery.



SEPTEMBER 2007

Officer of the Month

Detective Luis Alsina

Due to Detective Luis Alsina's keen powers of observation he apprehended a violent robber in the 800 block of Normandy Isle. The subject, wearing a mask had previously (at knifepoint) robbed, slashed and stabbed the cashier at the Walgreen's store on 7330 Collins Avenue. As a result of Detective Alsina's knowledge of criminals in the area, combined with his investigative skills, the subject was arrested for armed robbery with injuries, wearing a mask while committing a crime, and the use of a weapon during the commission of a felony.



OCTOBER 2007

Officer of the Month

Officer William Watson

While on routine patrol, Officer William Watson arrested a subject for occupied burglary which occurred at 214 W. San Marino Drive. The subject had been using various ruses to unlawfully gain entry into homes in the area. Had it not been for the intervention of Officer Watson the subject would have continued to commit crimes in the area.

OCTOBER 2007

Civilian of the Month

Property and Evidence Technicians (PET) IIs - Christine Schiaffo and Manny De Las Salas



The Property and Evidence Unit (PEU) is a unique but demanding and essential part of the successful operation of the Miami Beach Police Department. Christine Schiaffo and Manny De Las Salas are PET II's assigned to the PEU supervising the

daily duties of the PET I's and ensure various other tasks are completed. Collectively they have been responsible for the preparation and processing of an extreme amount of impounded narcotics the Department has confiscated for destruction. The destruction of evidence is a long tedious, and arduous task. Because of the sensitive nature of the items it is necessary to document, count, itemize, and be exact in the record keeping of these articles. Christine and Manny performed these tasks in an exemplary manner. This is indicative of their consistent dedicated professional service to the PEU.



NOVEMBER 2007

Officer of the Month

Officer Amel Soto

On November 1, Officer Amel Soto apprehended a subject for loitering and prowling in the area of 1045 19 Street. Further investigation on his part and with the assistance of Detective Tepperberg revealed the subject was also responsible for three residential burglaries where jewelry was taken. As result of Officer Soto's initiative, the subject was charged with three counts of burglary and the stolen jewelry was recovered.



NOVEMBER 2007

Civilian of the Month

Dispatcher Mary Chacon

Dispatcher Mary Chacon convinced a male caller threatening to kill himself not to follow through on his threat. Because of her compassion and skillful handling of the circumstances, Dispatcher Chacon persuaded the caller to respond to the Miami Beach Police Department station to seek help. When the caller responded to the station, Dispatcher Chacon, via the telephone, advised him to meet the assisting Police Officer in the lobby. Dispatcher Chacon had made arrangements for an ambulance to respond to the station to transport the caller to Jackson Memorial Hospital Crisis Intervention Unit for mental help. As the caller entered the ambulance the Emergency Medical Technicians determined that the caller was having a heart attack and transported him directly to Mount Sinai Hospital. Because of Mary Chacon's empathy and professional control of the circumstances, the caller survived and received the help he needed.

DECEMBER 2007

Officer of the Month

Sergeant Ibrahim Garcia, Detective Osvaldo Ramos and Officers Robert Montesinos and Kenneth Macleod



On December 4, Sergeant Ibrahim Garcia, Detective Osvaldo Ramos, and Officers Robert Montesinos and Kenneth Macleod were responsible for the apprehension of two violent felons who had just pistol whipped and robbed an elderly man and woman. Investigation revealed the elderly couple was walking in the area of the 2600 block of North Bay Road when they were accosted by a subject with a firearm who demanded the man's wallet. The victim refused to give up his wallet and as a result the subject struck the victim in his head causing a laceration. The subject fled with the wallet in a black ford Taurus driven by an awaiting accomplice. The victims called the police and a BOLO detailing the description of the subjects was broadcast city wide. After a high speed chase that led into the City of Miami via I-95, the subjects exited at 79 street where they struck a vehicle at 81 Street and 14 Avenue. The subjects bailed out of the vehicle and attempted to break into a residence. As a result of a perimeter and support from the Miami-Dade Police Department the subjects were caught. The collective efforts of these dedicated detectives and police officers combined with their tenacity and professional bearing led to the arrest of two violent felons.



OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND MEDAL OF VALOR AWARDS



JANUARY 2007

Outstanding Service Award
Sergeant Paul Masters

On January 21, Sergeant Paul Masters was responsible for the identification and apprehension of a subject who had left the scene of a fatal crash located at 41 Street and Collins Avenue. Officers who responded to the scene of the crash issued a BOLO for the subject driver and vehicle that had just struck and killed a pedestrian. Sergeant Masters reacted to this BOLO and was able, via the tag information, to determine the registered owner's address was a condominium in the City of Aventura. Sergeant Masters responded and learned that there were video surveillance cameras in the parking garage of the condominium. After exhaustive investigative measures and tenacious police work, Sergeant Masters determined that the subject driver was the son of the registered owner of the vehicle and was hiding in the condominium. Tracking back to the elevator in, the condominium Sergeant Masters observed tiny shards of glass on the elevator floor which apparently were as a result of the collision and fell from subject driver's person. Sergeant Masters located the subject driver and through meticulous details linked him to the crash scene. As a result, the subject was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident with injuries.



FEBRUARY 2007

Outstanding Service Award
Officer Vivian Caballero

On February 26, Officer Vivian Caballero was responsible for the apprehension of a mentally ill subject for domestic battery. Officer Caballero was dispatched to a battery in progress at 100 Lincoln Road Apt. #935. Upon arrival at the ninth floor apartment, Officer Caballero observed the naked male subject on the balcony apparently poised to jump off and kill himself. Realizing the volatility of the situation, Officer Caballero began to establish a rapport with the subject putting him at ease. During the conversation, the subject requested a cigarette. Officer Caballero was able to get the cigarette and deliberately place it in the living room for the subject to obtain. As the subject walked from the balcony to the inside of the apartment to get the cigarette, Officer Caballero took the subject into custody and arrested him for domestic battery. Officer Caballero is commended for her professionalism in mitigating this volatile situation.



FEBRUARY 2007

Outstanding Service Award
Officer Antonio Ferbeyre

On February 11, 2007, Officer Ferbeyre was credited with saving the life of a two-year-old boy. While on patrol in the North District, Officer Ferbeyre was advised that a woman carrying a child was screaming for help in the area of 71 Street and Rue Granville. Officer Ferbeyre observed a hysterical mother carrying her two year old boy screaming, "Help me! He's not breathing." Officer Ferbeyre requested Miami Beach Fire Rescue respond and began applying CPR on the child. As a direct result of Officer Ferbeyre's diligent CPR efforts, the child is alive today.

MARCH 2007

Outstanding Service Award

Complaint Operators II Patricia Perez and Roberto Rodriquez



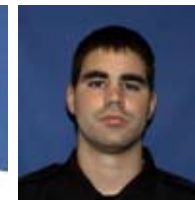
On March 7, 2007 Complaint Officers II Patricia Perez and Roberto Rodriquez provided invaluable assistance in a drug related kidnapping investigation. Working with detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division they provided detailed subject and vehicle

information for the National Crime Information Center via teletype and sent it to Florida Highway Patrol and surrounding police agencies in north Florida, Georgia and South Carolina geographic areas. Throughout their shift they monitored the status of this situation and continued to update the information, fielding many telephone calls. Due in part to their diligence and attention to detail, the victim was found unharmed and the subjects were apprehended in Georgia and charged with several State and Federal crimes.

MARCH 2007

Medal of Valor

Officer Michael Iadaresta, Officer Eduardo Macias, and Officer Alejandro Mouro



On March 23, 2007, Officer Michael Iadaresta, Officers Eduardo Macias and Alejandro Mouro were responsible for

the apprehension of a subject who had left the scene of reported shots fired. Officers Macias and Mouro were advised by a homeless person that shots were fired by the west bridge of the McArthur Causeway. Upon responding they observed a Ford Explorer leave west on the McArthur Causeway at a high rate of speed. These officers immediately gave chase. The pursuit spanned Biscayne Boulevard and ended in a vacant lot at a dead end street on North Miami Avenue Court. The subject then stopped his vehicle held his hands out of the drivers window and screamed he was giving up. As the Miami police officer approached the subject's vehicle the subject suddenly accelerated towards the officer. As the subject tried to flee, Officers Iadaresta and Mouro discharged their firearm at the subject to prevent him from killing the Miami officer, which enabled the Miami officer to take evasive action to save his life. The subject exited his vehicle but refused to go to the ground. The Miami police officer tased the subject several times into submission. The subject was taken into custody and charged with several felonies. They are commended for their quick action and common sense in a volatile and dangerous situation.



APRIL 2007

Outstanding Service Award

Public Safety Specialist Charlie Rodriguez

On April 29, 2007, Officer Teboe was watching a parked vehicle which had an unassigned registration decal. A computer check showed the owner's drivers license was

suspended. As the owner approached the car, Officer Teboe requested a back-up unit respond. PSS Rodriguez pulled in approximately 30 feet behind Officer Teboe and Officer Pena arrived as the back-up officer. As Officer Teboe and Pena were speaking with the driver, PSS Rodriguez noticed a gun permit in the driver's wallet and immediately alerted Officer Pena who went on to recover a .357 revolver from the glove box. The firearm was fully loaded and there were 33 additional rounds in the glove box. The driver had previous arrests for firearms crimes. The driver was given a promise to appear, the vehicle towed, and the gun impounded for safe keeping.



MAY 2007

Outstanding Service Award

Lieutenant Julio Yero

On May 14, 2007, Lieutenant Yero was responsible for the apprehension of a bank robber in the area of 16 Street and Washington Avenue. During the month of May 2007, the City of Miami Beach was experiencing a rash of bank robberies by one individual. Criminal intelligence information indicated that the robberies were taking place on Mondays by a person wearing similar apparel in the commission of each robbery. Responding immediately to a BOLO of a robbery which took place at the Regents Bank, 1601 Washington Avenue, Lieutenant Yero detained a subject which matched the description. The subject was positively identified, arrested and charged with robbing multiple banks. Lieutenant Yero's powers of observation and keen investigative sense led to the capture of a serial bank robber.



JULY 2007

Medal of Valor

Officer Jovan Campbell

At night on July 1, 2007, Officer Jovan Campbell was assisting other officers in stopping a suspicious person believed to possibly be involved in the commission of commercial burglaries in the area of 1st Street and Washington Avenue. Officer Campbell observed a subject acting suspiciously on a foot bridge in the open field area north of government cut. As Officer Campbell approached, the subject came at him in a hostile manner clenching his fists. Officer Campbell ordered the subject to stop. The subject refused and Officer Campbell deployed his ADS at the subject who reacted and swung his hand at Officer Campbell. Immediately after the discharge of the ADS, Officer Campbell moved back to take a more tactical position and requested emergency assistance. The subject then came directly at Officer Campbell in an attack mode and began reaching into his pants pocket in an effort to arm himself with some type of object. Officer Campbell now realized that the subject armed himself with a T-handled metal socket tool and continued his hostile attack. Fearing for his life Officer Campbell drew his firearm and pointed at the subject who continued forward. At that time Officer Campbell fired his weapon, striking the subject and ending the confrontation. Officer Campbell was commended for his decisive actions in the confrontation of a hostile felon.



AUGUST 2007

Outstanding Service Award

Officer Luis Estopian

On August 11, 2007, Officer Luis Estopian was responsible for locating a missing five-year-old girl in the area of 83 street and the beach. The child had been missing for approximately 20 minutes prior to the MBPD response. Officers met the grandmother of the child who advised that she last observed the

child adjacent to her vehicle on the east side of 85th Street and Collins Avenue. A perimeter was established and officers saturated the area, looking for the child. After approximately 20 minutes, Officer Estopian decided to check the grandmother's vehicle again although several people had glanced over it. The vehicle had very dark tinted windows however, Officer Estopian took the extra step and checked further and found the child, who was crying, sweating, and very scared. Apparently, the child re-entered the vehicle when she lost sight of her grandmother. Miami Beach Fire Rescue personnel responded and evaluated the child for possible dehydration. The child was happily returned to her family. As a result of Officer Estopian's diligence and common sense, the child was located.



OCTOBER 2007

Outstanding Service Award

Detective David McCue

On October 4, 2007, Detective David McCue apprehended subjects involved in an organized robbery ring. During the robberies, the victims were threatened with a firearm and in one instance the victim's cellular telephone was taken. Detective McCue initiated the investigation by tracking the victim's cellular telephone calls, however the telephone usage record showed no activity. Undeterred, Detective McCue called the victims telephone posing as "Daniel" (one of the victims) and spoke to one of the subjects advising he wanted to "meet him to pay the money he owes." Continuing with this ruse, Detective McCue persuaded the subject to meet him at the McDonald's Restaurant in the 3500 block of Biscayne Boulevard in the City of Miami. Detective McCue made arrangements for additional officers and detectives to respond to this location to assist in the apprehension of the subjects. The subjects responded to the restaurant and were taken into custody by Miami Police officers with the assistance of MBPD detectives. The subjects gave a full confession admitting to taking part in five additional robberies. Detective McCue is commended for his resourcefulness, quick thinking and outstanding investigative work, which led to the arrest of several violent felons.



NOVEMBER 2008

Outstanding Service Award

Detective Leslie Robert Lanier

During October 2007, Detective Lanier was responsible for the apprehension of a residential burglar. In an effort to break into the residence located on Star Island, the subject crawled under the front gate and entered the victim's vehicle in the driveway and obtained the remote garage door opener to the residence. The subject then entered the residence through the inner garage door and stole a pair of sunglasses worth \$500. The investigation initiated when Detective Lanier met the victim who presented him with a video tape recording of the subject breaking in. Armed with the video and the subject's vehicle tag information logged as he went through the security at the entrance to the island, Detective Lanier was able to obtain the identity of the subject. A records check revealed the subject had an extensive violent criminal history. Detective Lanier developed enough probable cause to obtain a trace of the subject's cellular telephone. As a result of this trace, the subject was tracked to a hotel in Miami Gardens. With Miami Dade Police Department Robbery Intervention Detectives, the subject was apprehended. Due to tenacious efforts, combined with excellent investigative skill, Detective Lanier arrested the subject for five felonies and the recovery of \$12,000 gained through illicit means.

2007 BLUE KNIGHT AWARD: SERGEANT PAUL LUPIEN



Sgt. Paul Lupien is a 28-year veteran of the Miami Beach Police Department. He is currently assigned to his third tour with the Training Unit of the Support Services Division. Some of his other assignments have included the Patrol Division, Training Advisor at the Police Academy, SWAT, Motors, Honor Guard, Crime Prevention Unit Supervisor, and Mounted Patrol.

In his distinguished career, he has received 50 Letters of Commendation, 72 Letters of Appreciation from members of the community and other agencies, two Unit Citations (Training and SWAT), Dade County Police Chief's Meritorious Service Award, Detective of the Month, Officer

of the Month, City of Miami Beach Commission Proclamation of Appreciation, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Officer of the Year, City of Miami Beach Valor Award, and the LEO Foundation Safety Award.

Paul is a consummate professional whose reputation for the highest ethical standards is well known throughout the community and the Department. His personnel file is eight inches thick, filled with the above listed documents. All writers expressed heartfelt words of thanks, deep appreciation, and praise for Lupien's professional performance of his duties with the utmost dedication to the Miami Beach Police Department.

Sgt. Paul Lupien will retire this year, leaving a legacy of honor, pride, and professionalism to the Miami Beach Police Department.

RECRUITMENT

During 2007, the MBPD, in cooperation with the City's Human Resources Department, conducted several recruitment drives for police officers. The Backgrounds Unit and Patrol Division personnel visited local community colleges that would most likely attract persons who would seek employment in sworn positions. The colleges visited were Miami-Dade Campus, St. Thomas University, Broward Community College and Florida Memorial College. In addition to college campuses, advertisements for MBPD police officer positions were also placed in local newspaper and radio, as well as the City website. These concerted recruitment efforts resulted in the hiring of 22 officers. Further, 19 non-sworn civilian employees were hired as a result of recruitment drives via the City website.



2007 PROMOTIONS

With the pending retirement of Chief Donald W. De Lucca, the City Manager appointed Assistant Chief Carlos Noriega to be the Acting Chief of Police on April 2, 2007. On September 5, 2007, Assistant Chief Carlos Noriega was promoted to Chief of Police for the Miami Beach Police Department. Chief Noriega has been with the Miami Beach Police Department 23 years starting as a Patrol Officer in 1984 rising through the ranks to his current position. Since, 2006, he has served as the Assistant Chief and Commander of the Administration Bureau where his responsibilities have included overseeing the Police Budget, Hiring, Accreditation, Training, Property and Evidence, Technology, Payroll, Off-Duty, Information Resources and Communications. He served as a Major and Division Chief since 2000 overseeing the Patrol Division and Technical Services Division. Chief Noriega has a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from St. Thomas University and a Masters of Science in Criminal Justice from Florida International University and is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Chief Carlos Noriega	09/05/07	Lieutenant Alexander Carulo	12/10/07
Major William Riley	04/23/07	Sergeant Jeff Cohen	02/16/07
Major John Bambis	04/23/07	Sergeant Eric Garcia	02/16/07
Major Brian Sliman	04/23/07	Sergeant Robert Hernandez	02/16/07
Division Commander Hernan Cardeno	12/10/07	Sergeant Vincent San Roman	02/16/07
Captain Robert Elmore	04/23/07	Sergeant Millie Doyle	02/16/07
Captain James Hyde	04/23/07	Sergeant Howard Bennett	04/23/07
Captain Larry Bornstein	04/23/07	Sergeant Gilberto Ortiz	05/21/07
Captain Robert Hundevadt	04/23/07	Sergeant Elbys Camacho	05/21/07
Captain Paul Acosta	04/23/07	Sergeant Charles Weiss	05/21/07
Captain Richard Gullage	12/10/07	Sergeant Colin Pfrogner	11/12/07
Lieutenant David De La Espriella	02/16/07	Sergeant Scott Flanagan	11/12/07
Lieutenant Eugene Rodriguez	02/16/07	Sergeant Michael George	12/10/07
Lieutenant Felix Ortega	02/16/07	Sergeant Roberto Acosta	12/10/07
Lieutenant Julio Yero, Jr.	02/16/07	Sergeant Andrew Dohler	12/10/07
Lieutenant Octavio Rabelo	04/23/07	Crime Scene Supervisor J.C Padrosa	11/01/07
Lieutenant George Lerra	05/21/07	Office Associate V Regla Dominguez	3/31/07
Lieutenant Ian Robinson	12/10/07		

2007 NEW OFFICERS

Frankly Forte	02/20/07	David Price	10/22/07
Eliut Hazzi	02/20/07	Eduard Alba	10/22/07
Reginald Horton	02/20/07	Danielle Marotta	10/22/07
Tony Gil	07/30/07	Andy Lozano	10/22/07
Oswaldo Mitat	07/30/07	Kendrick Brailsford	10/20/07
Tracey Austen	07/30/07	Wilson Romero	10/29/07
Lorenzo Torres	07/30/07	Rosemee Joseph	10/31/07
Ralph Vera	07/30/07	Leon Azicri	10/31/07
Evan Martinez	07/30/07	Angel Medina	11/05/07
Charles King	07/30/07	Gustavo Blacio	11/05/07
Grant Reid	10/22/07	Steven Confessore	11/05/07

2007 RETIREMENTS

Leonard Alamo	John Di Censo	Paul Marcus	William Rosenstein
David Allen	Charles Garabedian	Paul Masters	Steve Stuart
John Corley	Sunday Garcia	Donald McGavern	Thomas Weschler
James Cumming	Andrew Gorny	Elizabeth Newland	David Young
Christopher Dee	Mark Hallman	Richard Pelosi	
Carlos De Varona	James Harris	Romilio Perez	
Donald De Lucca	Thomas Lederman	Danny Reid	

KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY



OFFICER DAVID CECIL BEARDON
March 30, 1928



OFFICER WILLIAM "NICK" NICHOLS
February 4, 1936



SERGEANT ROBERT BOYLE
August 31, 1936



OFFICER DONALD KRAMER
February 25, 1984



OFFICER JOHN CARROL KOPPIN
December 26, 1984



OFFICER ROBERT EDWARD FITZPATRICK
April 3, 1985



OFFICER SCOTT RICHARD RAKOW
June 30, 1988

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN 2007

According to statistics released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), 57 law enforcement officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty during 2007. Geographically, 31 of the victim officers were killed in the South, nine in the West, nine in the Midwest, and seven in the Northeast. One officer was slain in Puerto Rico. The total number of officers killed is nine higher than in 2006.

By circumstance, 16 deaths occurred as a result of ambush situations, 16 died during arrest situations, 11 were killed while handling traffic pursuits/stops, six died responding to disturbance calls, three while investigating suspicious persons/circumstances, three during tactical situations, one while conducting investigative activities, and one while handling and transporting prisoners.

A breakdown of weapons used in these slayings revealed that firearms were used in the majority of incidents. Of the 55 officers killed with firearms, 38 were killed with handguns, nine with shotguns, and eight with rifles. Two officers were killed with vehicles.

At the time they were killed, 35 law enforcement officers were wearing body armor. Eleven officers fired their weapons, and 14 of the slain law enforcement officers attempted to fire their weapons. Four officers had their weapons stolen, and two officers were slain with their own weapons.

The 57 law enforcement officers were killed in 51 separate incidents in 2007. Fifty of the 51 incidents have been cleared by arrest or exceptional means.

In addition to the officers who were feloniously killed, 83 law enforcement officers were accidentally killed in 81 separate incidents while performing their duties in 2007. This number is 17 higher than the previous year's number.

In South Florida, Sergeant Christopher Reyka and Deputy Paul Rein of the Broward Sheriff's Office, Officer Jose Somohano of the Miami-Dade Police Department, and Wildlife Officer Michelle Lawless of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission were killed in the line of duty during 2007.

2007 CRIME STATISTICS

During calendar year 2007, the City of Miami Beach experienced a slight increase of 2.1% in total Part 1 Uniform Crime Report (UCR) crimes compared to 2006. This increase is primarily attributed to a 4.7% increase in larcenies which include incidents of beach thefts, pocket picking, vehicle burglaries, and shop lifting. Despite this increase in total Part 1 UCR crimes, there was a remarkable decrease of 4% in violent crimes. Additionally, five of the seven Part 1 crime categories tracked for UCR purposes either decreased or in one area, Homicide, showed no change. The chart below details the Part 1 UCR 2006 vs 2007 comparison:

2006/2007 UCR PART 1 CRIME STATISTICS

	2006	2007	% CHNG
Homicide	4	4	0.00%
Rape	81	58	-28.40%
Robbery	432	448	+3.70%
Aggravated Assaults	598	562	-6.00%
Total Violent Crime	1,115	1,072	-4.00%
Burglaries	1,372	1,354	-1.30%
Larcenies	5,357	5,607	+4.70%
Auto Thefts	853	844	-1.05%
Total Property Crime	7,582	7,805	+3.0%
Total Part I UCR Crimes	8,697	8,877	+2.1%

The 2.1% increase in total Part I UCR crime is minimal and, more importantly, the 4% decrease in the City's violent crimes is significant when compared to other major local municipal jurisdictions with increases that ranged from 3.65 -13.26% (total Part I UCR crimes) and .9 - 20.1% (Violent Crimes). Unincorporated Miami-Dade County alone realized increases in both total Part I Crimes and Violent Crimes of 9% and 13% respectively as listed in the chart below. These increases in crime by neighboring cities reflect a nationwide trend for an increase in Part I UCR crimes in 2007.

LOCAL POLICE AGENCY CRIME COMPARISON

	PART 1 UCR CRIMES			VIOLENT CRIMES		
	2006	2007	% CHNG	2006	2007	% CHNG
Coral Gables	2,246	2,328	+3.65%	118	132	+11.86%
Hialeah	9,937	10,820	+8.90%	1,263	1,274	+0.90%
Miami	26,219	27,303	+4.00%	5,931	6,120	+3.00%
Miami Beach	8,697	8,877	+2.10%	1,115	1,072	-4.00%
Miami Dade County	56,133	61,223	+9.00%	3,286	3,716	+13.00%
Miami Gardens	7,793	8,291	+6.40%	662	735	+11.00%
North Miami	4,305	4,876	+13.26%	652	783	+20.10%
North Miami Beach	2,635	2,757	+4.6%	419	465	+11.00%

Contributing to the decline of violent crime in the City of Miami Beach is an unprecedented 8.5% increase of 14,954 total MBPD arrests in 2007. These arrests accounted for a marked increase in case closures. Of note is the dramatic decline of 28.4% in Rapes which includes all attempted and committed sexual batteries. It is perceived this decrease is a result

of Criminal Investigations Unit detectives participating in the Sexual Offender Apprehension Program and the ongoing community outreach provided by the Domestic Violence Unit.

In addition, the following proactive types of crime prevention initiatives were implemented during the year:

- From July 8 to July 29, the MBPD implemented the All Crimes Task Force (ACT) to address all criminal activity utilizing dedicated personnel during peak hours in areas of the Miami Beach known for criminal activity. This initiative reduced overall crime as well as provided intelligence on criminal activity to prevent future crimes. As a result of this crime prevention initiative, 41 felony and 161 misdemeanor arrests were made with an 8% drop in crime during the month of July 2007 as compared to July 2006;

- Effective utilization of the overlap shift, deploying officers to hotspots to target crime trends as well as enforcing quality of life violations. This overlap period occurs three times each day utilizing the first hour of each shift;

- Another successful initiative was the Fall Crime Blitz that spanned intermittently from October 28 through December 30. This initiative combined resources throughout the Police Department to address public safety issues citywide. The primary goal was to reduce crime in the residential areas, enforce traffic violations, and provide high visibility patrol. This initiative resulted in 403 misdemeanor arrests, 84 felony arrests, 68 traffic arrests, as well as other significant enforcement statistics (i.e. traffic citations).

- In an effort to increase visibility as well as positive interactions in the community, police officers and public safety specialists made in excess of 51,000 community contacts. These contacts have provided an additional forum to identify crime and safety issues while increasing interactions with residents and business owners.

- In addition to a record setting number of arrests, three significant high profile apprehensions were made that include: an armed serial bank robber responsible for committing several bank robberies in the City, an armed robber who committed several robberies of Miami Beach tourists and residents, and the arrest of a subject who was responsible for 52 burglaries.

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OUR CORE VALUES

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